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### A RAILWAY TO TRAGADIE

James Robinson, Ex. M. P.; Ald. T. W. Butler; secretary E. A. McCurdy of the Newcastle Board of Trade; H. D. Donald Morrison; W. L. Allain, M. P. P.; Customs Collector W. A. Park, Hon. Allan Ritchie and E. H. Sinclair—the first five provisional directors—are applying for a charter as the Miramichi Valley Railway Company, to build and operate a steam or electric railway along the Miramichi river and bay from Newcastle to Tracadie, the work to begin within one year and be finished within two years thereafter.

This line is very much needed and the formation of a company with the above named gentlemen at its head will be welcome news to the dwellers along the entire left bank of the Miramichi, and to the people of Eastern Gloucester County, likewise to the towns of Chatham and Loggieville and other places along the right.

The country between here and Tracadie is among the richest and most fertile in the province—the soil, forest and water alike yielding abundant harvests. Business has hitherto been sadly hampered by insufficient means of transportation, yet in spite of this drawback new settlements have been recently opened and the population has steadily and rapidly increased. With a railway the material prosperity of the region ought soon to be doubled.

### PROGRESSIVE TOWNS

The Bill providing that the City of St. John shall henceforth be governed by a Mayor and four Aldermen, for which officers there shall be NO PROPERTY QUALIFICATION REQUIRED, was passed by the Legislature last week. While some changes were made in the Bill as sent up by the city, the principles of DIRECT LEGISLATION BY THE

INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM AND THE RIGHT TO RECALL ELECTED OFFICIALS were preserved intact. Thus St. John, the metropolis of the province, with a population four times that of Moncton, six times that of Fredericton, nine times as large as that of Chatham and fourteen times as large as Newcastle, is fully sustained by the Legislature in her request for, not only Direct Legislation, but also the right of her citizens to nominate and elect whom they desire, regardless of property possessed by the candidates—the inalienable right which Newcastle's Town Council refused by a vote of five to two to petition for.

Campbellton is seeking legislation to allow her to exempt improvements from taxation and raise the deficiency by increased taxes on land, and Moncton seeks permission to exempt improvements from taxation to the extent of twenty-five per cent. each year until they become entirely exempt, a certain amount of income to remain exempt, and the deficiency to be made up by increased taxes on land, &c. But Newcastle Council, having unanimously decided last September to ask for permission to improve its tax system has, at the last moment, by a vote of 5 to 1, refused to take any further action in the matter.

If we fail to move with our contemporaries we shall soon be in the rear of the procession of progress.

### NOVA SCOTIA AWAKE TO TAX REFORM

A Bill to permit any municipality in the province to tax personal property or improvements at a lower rate than the regular rate of taxation or to raise taxes on real estate alone, this change in the method of taxation to be brought about after the rate payers have voted in favour of such a change, has been introduced by

the Nova Scotian House of assembly by Hon. Mr. MacGregor. This is the intended principle voted for by Newcastle Town Council last September and by the Union of N. B. Municipalities in October, but recently deserted by both. The idea of tax reform will not die. It will continue to occupy a prominent place in the attention of Newcastle and New Brunswick people and its final victory is assured.

## CARD

To the Electors of the Town of Newcastle, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Having been requested by a number of citizens to offer myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of ALDERMAN, I have decided to do so, and I again respectfully solicit the hearty support and co-operation of all who are in accord with the principles for which I have stood in the Town Council during the past year. If you again honour me with your confidence I will, as in the past, faithfully work in what I believe to be the Town's best interests, continuing to do all that I can to secure:

1.—Equal rights and opportunities to all classes of citizens, and impartial collection of taxes and enforcement of law.

2.—A new and thorough valuation, by competent and disinterested men from outside, to rate separately all the land, improvements, income and personal property of each person and corporation at its exact value, with a view to the apportionment of taxation on much fairer principles than at present obtain. This should include the taxation of vacant or unimproved land, that is being held for purposes of speculation, at the selling price asked for it by the owners, with a view of compelling the owners either to improve such premises, by erecting dwellings or work-shops thereon and thus affording better means of livelihood or household accommodation at more reasonable rates for an increased population, or to sell their property, now idle, to those who are willing and anxious to put it to use. It should also include the lowering of poll and income taxes and taxes upon improvements, with the aim of ultimately placing the bulk of taxation upon land value. No bonuses should be granted and no special exemptions from taxation should be allowed, except to those

who, through unavoidable misfortune, are really unable to pay.

3.—The preservation of the Sinking Fund to insure the payment in full of our bonded indebtedness as the Bonds become due, no further addition to be made to the public debt. By thus gradually paying off the principal, we shall by and by be relieved of the enormous charge for interest (now over \$10,000 a year) which wastes our revenue, consuming a third of the taxes but never decreasing the liability. Town affairs should continue, as in the past year, to be managed so that no further addition to the debt may be necessary.

Your obedient servant,  
H. H. STUART.  
Newcastle, N. B., March 26, 1912.

## NO SETTLEMENT IN GREAT STRIKE

Three Million Workers Idle and Many Suffering From Want and Hunger.

London, March 25th.—The twenty fifth day of the national coal strike ends with nearly 3,000,000 workers idle, many thousands dependent upon charity to keep them from starvation, every manufacturing industry in the land undergoing a throttling, and a settlement apparently as remote as ever. The government refuses to introduce a compulsory minimum wages bill of \$1.25 a day for men and 50 cents for boys and has failed to persuade the mine owners and miners to come to an agreement.

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## LOST

A brown Newfoundland Dog with collar bearing the initials of the owner John Rae. Finder will be rewarded.

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## CARD

Ladies and Gentlemen, Citizens of the Town of Newcastle.—

I have been requested by a large number of our voters to offer as a candidate for the position of MAYOR.

I have done my best for the town since you honored me with your confidence as Alderman; but during the past year I was able to do only little more than consultatory work. My colleagues—Ald. Clark and Dickison—however, gave me excellent assistance. Ald. Dickison, especially in the fire department, has given the town service for which it can never repay him.

We are in a period of progress and, although my private business makes it difficult, I think I can help the town if the people want me. I feel I have only one object in the world—to make it better before I leave it. If I can help Newcastle I'll do it. If I can help Northumberland I'll do it. If I can help New Brunswick I'll do it. If I can help Canada I'll do it. IF I CAN ADD ANYTHING TO THE UPBUILDING OF THE GREAT BRITISH EMPIRE—ITS UNITY, INTEGRITY AND EXPANSION—I'LL DO IT. I'll do my best!

Your obedient servant,  
T. W. BUTLER.  
Newcastle, N. B., March 18, 1912.

Men's Collars, 3 for 25cts, Russell & Morrison

## P. E. I. AND N. S. STRONG FOR UNION

Charlottetown, March 21.—The total vote by the Presbyterian congregations in this province on church union resulted as follows:—

	For,	Agst.
Elders	182	37
Members	3174	72g
Adherents	1883	363
Total	5239	1126

Truro, N. S., March 21.—The result of the votes on church union in the Presbytery of Truro shows a total of 3016 in favor and 509 opposed to the proposed basis. All the other congregations approved. Every congregation in the Presbytery voted in favor of union; but a majority of one congregation declared themselves opposed.

Men's Sweaters and Heavy Shirts can be purchased at Russell & Morrison's, at a great saving, \$1.35 for 99cts, \$1.50 for \$1.13, Russell & Morrison.

### NOTICE OF LEGISLATION

Notice is hereby given that Application will be made at the present session of the Legislature of the Province of New Brunswick for an Act to incorporate the Miramichi Valley Railway Co. for the purpose of constructing and operating a railway between Newcastle, in the County of Northumberland, Province of New Brunswick, and Tracadie, in the county of Gloucester, in the said Province. mar 27-2 wks

